

Global Updates. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D373)

S. 2057, to require the Secretary of Defense to reimburse members of the United States Armed Forces for certain transportation expenses incurred by the members in connection with leave under the Central Command Rest and Recuperation Leave Program before the program was expanded to include domestic travel. Signed on April 22, 2004. (Public Law 108-220)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

*Committee on Government Reform*, hearing on Justice for All: A Review of the Operations of the District of Columbia Superior Court, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 26 through May 1, 2004

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 150, Internet Tax Non-Discrimination Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture to occur at approximately 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Appropriations*: April 28, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine medical programs in the armed services, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 29, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine intellectual property issues, 10 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services*: April 27, business meeting to consider the nominations of Tina Westby Jonas, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Dionel M. Aviles, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, and Jerald S. Paul, of Florida, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*: April 29, to hold hearings to examine counterterrorism initiatives and concerns in the terror finance program, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*: April 27, to hold hearings to examine telecommunications policy, focusing on lessons learned from the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

April 27, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine International Space Exploration Program, 3:30 p.m., SR-253.

April 28, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine telecommunications policy, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

April 29, Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries and Coast Guard, to hold an oversight hearing to examine National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*: April 27, to hold an oversight hearing to examine sustainable, low emission, electricity generation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

April 27, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 1064, to establish a commission to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, S. 1092, to authorize the establishment of a national database for purposes of identifying, locating, and cataloging the many memorials and permanent tributes to America's veterans, S. 1748, to establish a program to award grants to improve and maintain sites honoring Presidents of the United States, S. 2046, to authorize the exchange of certain land in Everglades National Park, S. 2052, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail, and S. 2319, to authorize and facilitate hydroelectric power licensing of the Tapoco Project, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

April 28, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*: April 28, to hold hearings to examine the reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance*: April 27, Subcommittee on International Trade, with the Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold joint hearings to examine international trade and pharmaceuticals, 10 a.m., SD-215.

April 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine fraud and abuse in Medicare's power wheelchair program, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: April 28, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Francis Moriarty, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Nepal, Michele J. Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, and Thomas Charles Krajieski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Yemen, 10 a.m., SD-419.

April 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Constance Berry Newman, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Aubrey Hooks, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, Thomas Neil Hull III, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to Sierra Leone, and Roger A. Meece, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Congo, 3 p.m., SD-419.

April 29, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* April 28, to hold hearings to examine the use and prevention of abuse of government purchase cards, 10 a.m., SD-342.

April 29, Full Committee, to hold a hearing to examine the nomination of Dawn A. Tisdale, of Texas, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of David Safavian, of Michigan, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* April 28, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine how to promote a healthy marriage, 2 p.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* April 28, to hold hearings to examine S. 2172, to make technical amendments to the provisions of the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act relating to contract support costs, 10 a.m., SR-485.

April 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 2301, to improve the management of Indian fish and wildlife and gathering resources, 10 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* April 27, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine safeguarding the future of American live theater relating to the Playwrights Licensing Antitrust Initiative Act, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* April 27, closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 28, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 29, Full Committee, closed business meeting to markup proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2005 for the intelligence community, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* April 27, to hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges relating to assistive technologies for independent aging, 10 a.m., SD-628.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* April 28, hearing to review Agricultural Trade Negotiations, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* April 27, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, to continue appropriation hearings, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 28, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Global Disease, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 28, Subcommittee on Legislative, on GOP, and Capitol Police, 1 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 28, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies, on Federal Transit Administration, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Security Assistance Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Research and Services, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Legislative, on Architect of the Capitol, 1 p.m., and on Library of Congress, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 29, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on Federal Highway Administration (Environmental Streamlining), 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* April 27, Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing entitled "Examining Success in Vocational Education," 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 28, full Committee, hearing entitled "Assessing the Impact of the Labor Department's Final Overtime Regulations on Workers and Employers Overtime Regulations," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing entitled "Examining Long-Term Solutions to Reform and Strengthen the Defined Benefit Pension System," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* April 29, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Spyware: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* April 28, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprise and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing entitled: "A Review of TRIA and Its Effect on the Economy: Helping America Move Forward", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 28, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology, hearing entitled "Money Matters: Coin and Currency Design and Counterfeiting Issues," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* April 29, hearing entitled "Transforming the National Guard: Resourcing for Readiness," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* April 28, hearing on the United Nations Oil-for-Food Program: Issues of Accountability and Transparency, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 28, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on North Korea: Human Rights, Refugees and Humanitarian Challenges, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* April 29, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims, oversight hearing entitled "The Diversity Visa Program, and Its Susceptibility to Fraud and Abuse," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources,* April 28, hearing on H.R. 2933, Critical Habitat Reform Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 28, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3744, To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the

Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire, construct, or improve administrative sites; S. 33, To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire, construct, or improve administrative sites; S. 434, Idaho Panhandle National Forest Improvement Act of 2003; S. 435, Sandpoint Land and Facilities Conveyance Act of 2003; and S. 1537, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the New Hope Cemetery Association certain land in the State of Arkansas for use as a cemetery, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

April 29, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, an oversight hearing on the International Aspects of Fish and Wildlife Conservation and Management, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 29, Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3638, Redwood National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2003; H.R. 3932, To amend Public Law 99-338 to authorize the continued use of certain lands within the Sequoia National Park by portions of an existing hydroelectric project; and S. 144, Noxious Weed Control Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, April 29, hearing to address mass incapacitation of Members and the quorum requirement in the context of the Continuity of Congress, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, April 28, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2005 National Institute of Standards and Technology Budget: Views from Industry," 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 29, full Committee, hearing on the High Performance Computing Revitalization Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, April 29, Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment and Government Programs, hearing on Would an Increase in the Federal Minimum Wage Help or Hinder Small Business? 10:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, April 28, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Integrated Deepwater System, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 28, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Aging Water Supply Infrastructure, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on The Cape Town Treaty; followed by a markup of the

following: The Cape Town Treaty; and H.R. 4056, Commercial Aviation MANPADS Defense Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, April 28, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs' research on Alzheimer's, Diabetes and Parkinson's diseases, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

April 29, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 348, Prisoners of War Benefits Act of 2003; H.R. 843, Injured Veterans Benefits Eligibility Act of 2003; H.R. 1735, To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum amount of a home loan guarantee available to a veteran; H.R. 2206, Prisoner of War/Missing in Action National Memorial Act; H.R. 2612, Veterans Adapted Housing Expansion Act of 2003; H.R. 4065, Veterans Housing Affordability Act of 2004; H.R. 3936, To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the principal office of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims to be at any location in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, rather than only in the District of Columbia, and expressing the sense of Congress that a dedicated Veterans Courthouse and Justice Center should be provided for that Court and those it serves and should be located, if feasible, at a site owned by the United States that is part of or proximate to the Pentagon Reservation; a measure to create an open period for certain active duty servicemembers to elect to participate in the program of basic educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill; a measure to direct the Secretary of the Veterans Affairs to contract for a report on employment placement, retention, and advancement of recently separated veterans; and a measure to codify certain additional diseases as establishing a presumption of service-connection when occurring in veterans exposed to ionizing radiation during active military, naval, or air service, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, April 29, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on the Supplemental Security Income program, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on trade with sub-Saharan Africa and H.R. 4103, AGOA Acceleration Act of 2004, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Select Committee on Homeland Security*, April 28, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response, oversight hearing entitled "The Office for Domestic Preparedness First Responder Assistant Programs," 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security, hearing entitled "From Rail to Air: The Transportation Security Administration's Progress in Enhancing Homeland Security," 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.